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April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting for the Warren Police Department in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Warren Police Department, located at 141 South Street SE, Warren, Ohio 44483. The physical address of the project location is also 141 South Street SE, Warren, Ohio 44483.

The Warren Police Department (WPD) is requesting funds for mobile forensic survey equipment and mobile license plate readers. The mobile forensic survey equipment would be used to support the WPD's criminal investigations by improving the precision of the Department's cell site analysis, which investigators utilize in the course of their work. Technology, especially historical cell site records, has become increasingly relevant in criminal investigations, making this equipment vital for law enforcement. The requested mobile forensic survey equipment would increase the capabilities of the WPD and the other law enforcement agencies they assist with forensic capabilities.

Mobile license plate readers, mounted on marked patrol cars, would enhance the effectiveness of the WPD's officers by instantly alerting them when a suspect's license plate is scanned. The license plate information of suspected stolen vehicles would be stored in a frequently updated database, ensuring that officers possess the most accurate and up to date information. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, vehicle theft has been on the rise nationwide. 2020 saw a 10.9 percent increase in motor vehicle theft over the previous year, with an estimated 880,595 vehicles reported stolen. This project works to address this issue by improving the recovery rate of stolen vehicles and increasing the ability of the WPD to conduct investigations efficiently. Both of these have a direct benefit to the community in improving public safety efforts and providing resolution to victims of crimes, making this project a good use of taxpayer funds.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress